

CITY OF MILPITAS  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
June 7, 2006

**I.  
Call to Order  
and Roll Call**

Chair Abelardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Fang, Lee, Lind, Queenan, and Ranker  
Alternates present were Commissioners Choudhury, Nwobi, Pham, and Villegas  
Absent: Commissioners Luna and Mohsin

**II.  
Seating of  
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Villegas, Choudhury, and Pham

**III.  
Pledge of  
Allegiance**

Vice-Chair Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.  
Approval of  
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Lind, Ranker

Ayes: 9

**V.  
Approval of  
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 3, 2006.

M/S: Lind, Lee

Ayes: 9

**VI.  
Announcements**

Staff announced that the July CAC meeting has been cancelled. Staff stated that one community outreach response was received. The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is still on schedule.

**VII.  
Public Forum**

Chair Abelardo invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

**VIII.  
Liaison Reports**

**a. City Council**

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. She attended the Fil-Am Fiesta and Cultural event. It is a wonderful fiesta and event. The final approval of the FY 06/07 Appropriations Limit and budget was approved on a 3-2 vote. The City Council approved the Capital Improvement budget of over \$54,000,000. The Council approved the Five-year Capital Improvement Program through the year 2010 of over \$97,000,000. The City's final budget was \$164,000,000. The City received a progress report on the library and parking garage and it's moving forward on budget. The City reappointed Heidi Pham to Alternate #3 position on the CAC. Councilmember Polanski put in a request for Commissioner Villegas to be moved to a regular voting member. Chinedu

Nwobi has been appointed to the Alternate #4 position on the CAC. The Charter City advisory vote failed.

## **IX.**

### **New Business**

#### **a. Neighborhood Beautification Awards.**

Chair Abelardo stated that a subcommittee would need to be established in June with a tour to be held in September. The subcommittee will tour the nominated properties and select the winners of each category. The winners will be announced at the October CAC meeting. Staff stated that an ad was placed in the Milpitas Post. The applications are available at all City facilities. Information is on the web as well as the cable channel.

Commissioner Villegas asked if some of the winners are repeat winners. Staff stated that there are a few repeat winners. Staff stated that anyone could nominate a property. Staff will contact the subcommittee on the date of the tour.

#### **b. Presentation by Gloria Anaya on Areas of Concern within the City.**

Gloria Anaya, Senior Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist gave a brief presentation on the cleanup of blighted areas. The City maps out areas of concern that need cleanup within the City. There are ads in the Milpitas Post so the neighborhood is well informed in terms of making sure that these neighborhood cleanups are a success. Code Enforcement is not pro-active it is complaint driven only. The City is pro-active in Graffiti only. There are a few residents that are pro-active in their areas.

Commissioner Queenan stated just because the task force completed an area cleanup the City needs to continue to do follow-up in the blighted area. Staff stated that the City is not proactive. Commissioner Queenan asked about the length of time to comply with a service request. Staff stated that in the past it was 30 days to comply now it is 15 days to comply. Staff leaves door hangers and information as a first response to a complaint. If a person does not comply then a notice to abate is issued. Commissioner Queenan asked how many complaints do Code Enforcement receive. Staff stated that they receive 125 plus calls per month. Staff stated that the Shirley/Selwyn area has been renovated.

#### **c. National Night Out. Neighborhood Night Out and Watch.**

Vice-Chair Lee stated that he had hosted a Night Out potluck for the last couple of years. He stated that he contacted the Police Department for information. Staff stated that Max Nobida from the Police Department would print out flyers if you request them with the information for your location and event. Chair Abelardo asked the Commissioners who would be hosting an event this year. Commissioners Queenan, Villegas, Pham, Vice-Chair Lee, and Chair Abelardo will host an event this year.

Chair Abelardo asked the Commission if anyone would be announcing the event to other Commissions. Councilmember Polanski suggested that staff send each Chair from the different Commissions an email about National Night Out and hope they will host a block party and to give the Chair of each Commission Max Nobida's number for more information.

Chair Abelardo asked the Commission if the information packet needed to be modified. There was no need for modification to the packet.

MOTION to recommend to the City Council that National Night Out be held on Thursday, August 3, 2006.

M/S: Lind, Queenan

Ayes: 9

**d. CAC Participation in City's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.**

Chair Abelardo stated that the Commission has participated in the parade the past few years. He stated that along with Commissioner Ranker and Vice-Chair Lee would organize this year's participation in the parade.

Councilmember Polanski stated that there are a total of 33 entries this year. The parade will start at Carlo and end at Curtis. There is going to be 4 special vehicles, 15 vehicle entries, 14 walking groups, and 2 float type entries. There are a number of events happening that day with a pool party in the afternoon and fireworks in the evening.

**e. Community Outreach Program Response Letter.**

Commissioner Queenan delivered a draft copy of the letter to staff and Commission for review. Staff asked the Commission if they wanted staff to send the letter to residents who wrote in. Commissioner Queenan stated yes.

**f. Spreadsheet Summarizing Community Outreach Program Responses.**

Vice-Chair Lee stated that there were a total of 38 responses. He sorted the responses into 7 areas. There were a few responses for the Farmers Market, City services, Traffic concerns near Escuela, and clean ups. There were 4 responses from residents who enjoyed living in Milpitas. The spreadsheet was from January through April. Vice-Chair Lee stated that the Commission should continue to promote the Outreach Program.

**g. Upcoming Work Plan Tasks.**

Chair Abelardo stated most of the tasks have been discussed. The annual recurring tasks that still need to be discussed are the Heritage Tree Nominations, which will be discussed in October, Tree Trimming in November, and Work Plan session in December. The short-term goals are Tree Planting, Town Hall Meeting, Outreach Program, Volunteerism Program, Cleanup of Blighted Areas, and Expand Neighborhood Watch Program. Commissioner Lind stated that the Town Hall Meeting should be agendaized for the August CAC meeting. Councilmember Polanski wanted to commend the CAC members who attempted to do a Town Hall meeting relative to the Charter City. Councilmember Polanski stated that for record it should be stated that at no time did the CAC when they requested to move forward as part of their work plan to hold the forum on an item that was going before the Milpitas residents there were no vote taken and she heard absolutely no discussion from this group of everyone saying they were either for or against a Charter City. When the CAC discussed this it was completely unbiased completely just following their work plan.

**h. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.**

Community Outreach (Lee and Queenan)  
This item was previously discussed.

**X.**

**Adjournment**

Chair Abelardo adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the August 2, 2006 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary